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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 256

DATE PREPARED: Dec 14, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Language Assistance Program Grants.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides a \$750 per pupil grant to school corporations for a language assistance program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current law, Indiana's 294 school corporations receive State funding from various sources including, but not limited to, the following: 1) tuition support for basic programs; 2) growing enrollment adjustment and at-risk grants; and 3) honors diploma awards. In addition, this bill would allow school corporations to receive a \$750 per limited English proficiency (LEP) pupil grant to be used for a language assistance program.

For the 1999-2000 school year, 30,851 pupils were reported to the Department of Education (the Department) as having a primary language other than English. Of these pupils, 13,079 were reported as LEP (determined by a standard proficiency examination given at the local school level).

This bill would take effect on July 1, 2001. Assuming that the number of LEP students remains constant for the 2001-2002 school year and beyond, \$9,809,250 (13,079 LEP students x \$750) would be needed annually to fund the provisions of this bill. This bill does not make an appropriation. The bill also would require that the grants be used for the development of academic and social proficiency in English.

Since the Department already has a mechanism established to award language assistance grants (see below), the provisions of this bill would not result in additional administrative time or cost for the Department.

Current Language Assistance Program: Public Law 273-1999 appropriated \$700,000 annually for FY 2000 and FY 2001 to fund academic and social proficiency programs in English by school corporations. To date, \$686,700 has been distributed to approximately 200 school corporations based on standard proficiency

examinations approved by the Department.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: See Explanation of State Expenditures.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education ORACLE data base and Language Minority and Migrant Programs Website - <http://ideanet.doe.state.in.us/lmmp/welcome.html>.